Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Liturgical Schedule

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Days: Vigil 5:30 pm; Day 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 pm Anytime by request

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Blessed Sacrament's parish family, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, seek to respond to God's call to love and serve one another. United as a faith-filled community, we joyfully strive to be Christ to others as we bring others to Christ. We accept our responsibility, as members of God's church, to expand the Kingdom of God in the Roman Catholic tradition through prayer, worship, education, service and our commitment to strengthening and building our parish community.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements by calling the rectory after the birth of the child. Baptisms are usually celebrated Sundays at 12:00 noon.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor a least a year in advance. A program of preparation is required for all couples planning to marry in the church.

Bulletin Notices

Items for the parish bulletin must be received at the rectory by Monday morning.

New Parishioners

Please introduce yourselves after Mass or call the rectory, at your convenience, to register. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community.

Sick Calls

Since all hospitals do not notify us on the admission of parishioners, please contact the rectory when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Communion calls for the aged, shut-ins and convalescent and nursing home patients are our constant concern. Please call us for special ministerial visits.

PARISH FINANCES

The collection amount for August 27 and 28 was:

Offerings made at Mases: \$3330.72 101 envelopes & loose cash

Offerings made by mail: \$370.00 22 envelopes

Total weekly: \$3700.72

Thank you for your continued and generous support of

Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Please remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your wills and estate planning, your bequests or in requesting donations upon the death of a loved one. Thank you!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD BASH AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us under the tent Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2016 rain or shine from 1:00-4:00 pm

It is like a neighborhood gathering, a block party, a lawn party. It is all FREE. Including free hamburgers and hot dogs, entertainment, games, activities, visiting.

This BASH is for everyone, not just parishioners.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 FOR GRADES 1-6 FROM 8:55 to 9:55 a.m. AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 FOR GRADES 7-11 FROM 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm in the St. Charles Room of Phelan Center. All are welcome.

THE POOR Saint Vincent De Paul Society

The poor should be on the agenda of every committee, project and endeavor of Blessed Sacrament parish. To this end, there will be an open meeting, without obligation, to see if there is interest in the parish in establishing a St. Vincent De Paul Society here. The one hour meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in the Blessed Sacrament Rectory. We will share on what the St. Vincent De Paul could do in serving those in our midst living in poverty. This is an open invitation extended in particular to those parishioners who are not over extended in other parish ministries.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship-938

MUSIC

Processional: Worship—#607—9 Heard the Voice of

Jesus Say

Psalm: Worship-#938

Preparation: Worship—#634—Take Up Your Cross
Communion: Gather—500—Lord When You Came

Recessional: Worship—#560—Now Thank We All Our

God

CRAFT FAIR MEETING

There will be a Craft Fair meeting on **Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm** in the St. Charles Room.

LABOR DAY MASS

Join us for the Labor Day Mass on **Monday**, **September 5**, **2016 at 8:30 am**.

The Catholic Church has a well documented Tradition on Labor and Unions, rooted in the human right of association. Catholic Social Teaching supports the right of workers to choose whether to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively, and to exercise these rights without reprisal. Workers, owners, employers and unions should work together to create decent jobs, build a more just economy, and advance the common good.

2 SACRISTANS NEEDED

We are in need of 2 sacristans— one for each of the following weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am

Volunteer position to set up altar with wine, water, hosts and chalices; to light candles; and after Mass to extinguish candles and put away sacred vessels.

If interested, call the rectory.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A Volunteer Office worker is still needed to be in the Religious Education Office while classes are being held on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm for Junior and Senior High.

If interested please call the rectory.

BE COMPLETE IN YOUR LIFE

For anyone who would like to become Catholic, or be restored to the Church—Blessed Sacrament would like to help you! Whether to join the Catholic Church, to receive a sacrament, or sacraments that you missed, or whether you would like to come back after a long time away. Contact Deacon Roy at 508-853-3071 or email him at rtread180@charter.net.



Saturday, September 3, 2016

4:00 PM Pauline Lamarche (12th Anniversary)

by Family

Sunday, September 4, 2016

8:00 AM Jane Levasseur Valinski (1st Anniver-

sary) by Family

10:00 AM **Evelyn Powlics** by the Mason Family

Monday, September 5. 2016

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday, September 8, 2016

8:30 AM Mass

Friday, September 9, 2016

8:30 AM **John & Margaret Farley** by Family

Saturday, September 10, 2016

4:00 PM **Richard Trainor, Sr.** (3rd Anniversary) by

Family

Sunday, September 11, 2016

8:00 AM Bill & Betty Cahill by Kevin Cahill

10:00 AM Mass

Monday, September 12, 2016

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

8:30 AM For a Successful Surgery

Thursday, September 15, 2016

8:30 AM **Carol Hennigan** (Birthday Remembrance)

by Family

Friday, September 16, 2016

8:30 AM Marie Gosselin by Family

Saturday, September 17, 2016

4:00 PM Joseph & Mary Morawski

50th Wedding Anniversary



SICK OF THE PARISH

Please keep the sick of our parish in your prayers, especially Anita Broadbent, Denise Cortesi, Janet Crowley, Barbara Diliddo, Judith Morris-Fugere, Ann Gouin, Lee Gouin, John Harvey, Jennie McCarthy, Terry Meduski, Kathy O'Leary, Claudyne Pearson, and Barbara Sawyer. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

Hope for Housing Food Cards Available Shaw's, Big Y, Stop & Shop, CVS, Panera Bread and Dunkin' Donuts

MOTHER TERESA

Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be elevated to Sainthood today, September 4, 2016 at the Vatican. She was born in Albania on August 26, 1910.

This woman who served the poorest of the poor, died on September 5, 1997 at the age of 87. Inscribed on her tomb at the Motherhouse of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India are these words:

"Love one another as I have loved you."



INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (Centering Prayer)

"Be still and know that I am God"

A six-week course will be held in Epiphany Center at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester beginning on **Thursday Evening**, **September 8**, **2016 at 7:00-8:00 pm**. Facilitator is Sister Irma Gendreau, PFM. Free will offering.

This course will provide an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins, to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world and to experience the benefits of silent communion with God.

For more information contact Sister Irma 508-756-0978 or smig254@verizon.net.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Adult Choir Rehearsal will begin on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm in the choir loft. We welcome all ages from high school through adult. On Sunday, September 18 we will have a "Spontaneous Choir" event at the 10:00 am Mass. If you like to sing and have thought about joining choir, try this out for a gentle introduction! We will meet at 9:15 in the choir loft to practice before Mass.

Chime Choir and Children's Choir information will be posted soon.

Please contact Becky Noone with any questions: 508-735-5256 or ecnoone@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Rights and Responsibilities at the End of Life.
Registration now open for the 2016 annual Witness for Life
Forum on Saturday, October 22 at Assumption College.
Cost is only \$15 for the full-day program, boxed lunch included. Space is limited and expected to sell out. For more information and to register online visit
www.witnessforlife.com.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 5, 2016

7:00 PM Come pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy

Chaplet, Church

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

6:30 PM Pastoral Council, St. Charles Room

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Rectory

Thursday, September 8, 2016

7:00 PM Introduction to Christian Meditation,

Epiphany Center

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, September 11, 2016

8:55-9:55 Religious Education, grades 1-6,

Epiphany House

1:00-4:00 PM BASH AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, September 12, 2016

7:00 PM Come pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy

Chaplet, Church

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

6:00 PM Craft Fair Meeting, St. Charles Room

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus, St. Charles Room

Thursday, September 15, 2016

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Weekend September 17/18, 2016

After All Masses St. Francis & St. Theresa Catholic Worker Bake Sale, Church Vestibule

FIRST FRIDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER

All are welcome at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption College on First Friday evenings beginning **September 9 at 8:00 pm** through June for Ecumenical Prayer with Taize chants.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Christ the King will hold its Fifth Annual Novena to St. Joseph to pray for the sick, for improvements in palliative care and to pray to oppose physician assisted suicide. The Novena begins **September 12 from 7:15-8:00 pm** and runs for 9 consecutive Mondays.

OPERATION RANGER ROSARY

Putting a rosary into the hands of every member of the U.S. Armed Forces around the globe who wants one. Operation Ranger Rosary will hold its next meeting on Saturday, October 15 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Phelan Center.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Notre Dame Academy's Open House for prospective students will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 pm. Please visit their website www.nda-worc,org to learn more about the NDA experience.

Saturday, September 3, 2016—4:00 PM

Lector: Jim Burns

Ministers of Holy Communion: Pearl Shea, Cecile

Vigeant, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Luc Zafon-Whalen

Sunday, September 4, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Margaret McMenemy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kimiko Abramoff,

Jacqueline Bellos, Jim Bushey
Altar Server: Laura French

Sunday, September 4, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Barbara Athy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Joseph Dunn, Denise

Boudreau, Lara Forde
Altar Server: Robert Dunn

Saturday, September 10, 2016—4:00 PM

Lector: Janice St. Denis

Ministers of Holy Communion: Denise Briggs, Paula

Moreau, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Amanda Vellaccio

Sunday, September 11, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Margaret McMenemy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Russ Germain,

Joyce Sillup, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Paul & Nate Bushey

Sunday, September 11, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Sharon McLaughlin

Ministers of Holy Communion: Cecelia Mason,

Shirley Owanisian, Deacon Roy Altar Server: Nate Larkin

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"Everyone of you who does of renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone, all of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

BREAD AND MUFFINS

Members of Saints Francis & Therese Catholic Worker will be here on the **weekend of September 17 and 18, 2016** with our homemade baked goods. The sale of our wholesome bread and muffins, made with organic ingredients, is the main source of income which supports our ministries. We shelter homeless men and women, and we work for justice and peace. There is no set price for the bread as we prefer to depend on your generosity to carry

on the works of mercy.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lift up your emptiness

In her poem "If You Have Nothing," poet and Carmelite nun Jessica Powers wrote, "The gesture of a gift is adequate." No matter what you have to give, it is the act of giving that is a gift unto the giver. As the Prayer of Saint Francis says, "It is in giving that we receive." To recognize the true gift we have to offer we need to empty ourselves, step aside, and see what God is offering through us. "If you have nothing," Powers concludes, "gather back your sigh / and with your hands held high, your heart held high / lift up your emptiness!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (129). "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Prayer works

In most countries, May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, is the day when workers are celebrated. In the United States, however, the first Monday in September is recognized as Labor Day. Ten thousand workers marched in the first Labor Day parade in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882. Today, let's remember all those who work, those who are unemployed and underemployed, and especially those who are not able to work due to disability or illness. Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, may those without work find hope and work, and may those with work find the joy of labor in all they do and strive to offer others the gifts they've received from God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437). "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Hands-on holiness

When someone becomes your hero, you want to have a tangible experience of that person to capture and take home with you. So you go to the concert, attend the lecture, buy the book, see the play ten times. Secretly you hope to have a moment alone with this exceptional person, to get an autograph or selfie, maybe even to touch them—as if their specialness might be transferred to you by association. Jesus never invited this kind of celebrity from his followers. What he wanted was for us to realize that the Holy Spirit's power lives in us, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438). "Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Be happy

The word beatitude comes from the Latin word for "happiness." God knows how much all of us want to be happy. In fact, as the Catechism says, "this desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart" in order to draw us "to the One who alone can fulfill it." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus listed the blessings that lead to happiness. But they're not what the world considers blessings. The beatitudes are a revolutionary moral call. Not easy, but take heart, and follow the heart's desire.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439). "Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Seeing the light

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the oldest Marian feasts on the liturgical calendar. Marking the birth of the Blessed Mother, this day is a celebration not only of Mary but of the gift her life is to our salvation. The Marian hymn "Mary, the Dawn" speaks beautifully of this relationship by declaring, "Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day." It is the light that dawned in Mary that is brought to fullness in Jesus. Today, as we celebrate her birth, let us hold high the gift of life, finding the Light in all we meet.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). "Behold, the virgin shall . . . bear a son, and . . . name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.' "

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Let my people go

Pope Pius IX branded slavery the "supreme villainy" at the end of the 19th century. Some 300 years earlier, Spanish Jesuit Peter Claver was ministering to slaves brought to the Americas as part of a flourishing slave trade and plantation economy. This villainy is still very much alive as human trafficking continues today. Catholic Relief Services says you can help by urging Congress to act, supporting the work of CRS, and praying for your sisters and brothers who are enslaved. Visit their website at <u>CRS.org</u> and search on slavery and human trafficking.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42 (441). "Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

There's always time for reconciliation

Today in the year 422, Saint Celestine I began his papacy. He was pope for 10 years and is remembered as the pope who founded the papal diplomatic service. He is also known for saying that "absolution or reconciliation should never be refused to any dying sinner who sincerely asked it; for repentance depends not so much on time as on the heart, which can be changed in a moment when God so wills." Today, as we continue in this Year of Mercy, let's pray for all who will die this day, for transformed hearts, repentance, and an acceptance of God's will.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49 (442). "The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good."

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